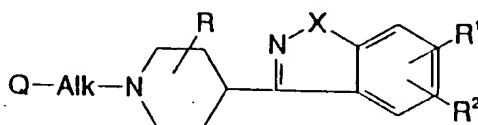


*In the claims:*

Please amend claim 37 as follows.

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37. (Amended) A sustained-release microparticle produced by forming an organic phase by dissolving in a solvent a biodegradable and biocompatible polymer and a 1,2-benzazole of the formula



and the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof, and extracting the solvent to form microparticles, wherein

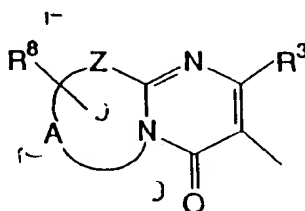
R is hydrogen or alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, alkyloxy of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and C alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

X is O or S;

Alk is C<sub>1-4</sub> alkanediyl; and

Q is a radical of formula



wherein

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